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1. REFTEL IS REVISED AND CLEARED VERSION OF MEMCON WE HAD WITH SUDAN FINANCE MINISTER HASHEM ON MAY 20. IN FINAL PARA (PARA 16) WE SUGGESTED FRG MIGHT BE ASKED TO TAKE LEAD IN ORGANIZING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS RELIEF FOR SUDAN.

2. I HEARD ON BBC THIS MORNING THAT NATO COUNTRIES ARE SHORTLY TO MEET IN PARIS ON AFRICAN SITUATION. I GATHER PRIMARY EMPHASIS WILL BE ZAIRE SECURITY IN WAKE OF SECOND KATANGAN INCURSION. I WONDER, HOWEVER, WHETHER WE MIGHT NOT USEFULLY TAKE THE OCCASION TO DISCUSS SUDAN'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM WITH FRG AND OTHER NATO ALLIES? SURELY THEY SHARE OUR INTEREST IN A STABLE AND DEVELOPING SUDAN.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION. BEST REGARDS.
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